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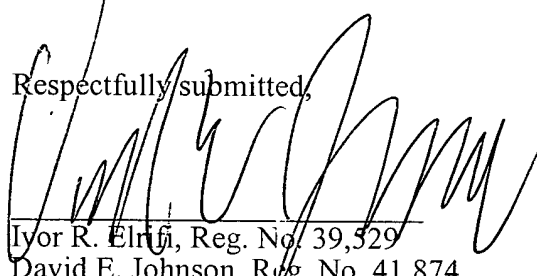
RECEIVED**FEB 13 2002****OFFICE OF PETITIONS**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 19, 2001**

In response to the Office Action Dated July 19, 2001, Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I, which includes claims 1-35. Applicants elect the species "mucositis (oral and gastrointestinal)". Claims 1-4, and 11-35 read on the elected species.

Applicants traverse on the basis that no undue burden is presented by searching the subject matter of Group II along with elected Group I. Applicants note that the subject matter of Group I and Group II are both identified in class 424, subclass 85.2. Therefore, a search of the subject matter of Group II also encompasses the subject matter of Group I.

A petition for an extension of time and a petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned application accompany this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 22058-522CON.

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